

**2017-18 NBA Ministry and Mission Grantees**  
**Impact Report:**  
**Friends Helping Friends (Juliette Fowler Communities)**  
**Dallas, Texas**

**Friends Helping Friends** is a resident initiated program that seeks to provide hot meals for the lowest income residents at Fowler Christian Apartments. This program is ongoing and has no end date. The more we raise, the more residents we can help.

**Mission Area:** Older Adults, **Innovation Grant:** US \$15,000

**Goals, Outcomes, and Learnings:**

- With your help, we have provided 1815 hot meals. We have written additional grants and hope to fund meal programs for 40 residents in the near future.
- Our residents who initiated the program have a sense fulfillment and accomplishment, knowing that their friends who struggle even more than they do, have food.
- It has been wonderful to witness community in action. We have watched residents help each other, encourage others to apply for the scholarship, and dine together- individuals on scholarship as well those who are able to afford their daily hot meals.
- In an effort to spread the opportunity to as many people as possible, a quarterly application process was initiated. That has however proven to be a challenge, so we are moving to an annual application process.
- The program is now grabbing the attention of other philanthropic individuals and groups.

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